

Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative (SBCI)
Program Update
August 29, 2008

	Action	Status	Contacts	Next Steps
SBCI General Information	First Meeting & Meeting Summary	The first meeting of the SBCI was held on August 31, 2006. A meeting summary may be found on the SBCI web site at http://www.michigan.gov/deq under Issues to Watch	For additional information contact Jim Bredin, DEQ, at bredinj@michigan.gov , (517-335-4232)	Completed
	Second Meeting	The second meeting of the SBCI was held on May 2, 2007, Bay City. A meeting summary may be found on the SBCI web site at http://www.michigan.gov/deq under Issues to Watch	If you would like information regarding the meeting contact contact Jim Bredin, DEQ, at bredinj@michigan.gov , (517-335-4232)	Completed
	Third Meeting	The third meeting of the SBCI was held on March 7, 2008, Bay City. A meeting summary may be found on the SBCI web site at http://www.michigan.gov/deq under Issues to Watch	If you would like information regarding the meeting contact contact Jim Bredin, DEQ, at bredinj@michigan.gov , (517-335-4232)	Completed
	SBCI web site	A SBCI web site has been created: http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,1607,7-135-7251_30353_42900--,0,0.html	For additional information contact Jim Bredin, DEQ, at bredinj@michigan.gov (517-335-4232)	Web site is being updated as needed
	Executive Committee Development	An Executive Committee of the SBCI is being established to direct the efforts of the SBCI and to develop the organizational structure of the effort. Local members of the SBCI met March 23, 2007 and December 12, 2008, to discuss future priority recommendations for future efforts of the SBCI.	For additional information contact Jim Bredin, DEQ, at bredinj@michigan.gov (517-335-4232) or Tom Hickner, Bay County Executive, at hicknert@baycounty.net (989-895-4130)	Discussion at next SBCI meeting
Tourism and Recreation	Saginaw Bay Tourism Enhancement Effort	A work group was formed to provide enhancement and coordination of state and local tourism efforts. The work group has now formed the organization MI Great Bay Inc. and meeting regularly. The new group is working toward developing a regional tourism effort and exploring way to further develop regional tourism within the Saginaw bay coastal counties.	If you would like to be involved in this effort contact Shirley Roberts, Executive Director, Bay Area Convention and Visitor Bureau at shirley@tourbaycitymi.org , (989-893-1222) or Jim Bredin, DEQ, at bredinj@michigan.gov (517-335-4232)	Effort currently underway.
	Saginaw Bay Access	Bay County is developing n informal committee to	Laura Ogar, Bay County Environmental	Effort currently

		deal with access-related issues on Saginaw Bay.	Affairs & Community Development, at ogarl@baycounty.net (989-895-4135)	underway.
Beach and Wetlands	Phosphorus Reduction Committee	A committee was formed to develop a Phosphorus Control Action Plan (P-CAP) for Saginaw Bay which effectively identifies next steps that contributing sources can take to reduce phosphorus loadings to Saginaw Bay.	If you would like to be involved in this effort contact Mike Young, DEQ, at youngm1@michigan.gov , (989-686-8025, Ext. 8390)	Effort currently underway.
	Saginaw Bay Algae (Muck)	<p>A work group was formed to review alternative algae control options at the Bay City State Recreation Area.</p> <p>A presentation by NOAA-GLERL was held November 30, 2006, to discuss the causes of Saginaw Bay algae. A copy of the presentation can be found on the SBCI web site.</p> <p>On April 4, 2007 Dr. Carlo De Marchi provided an overview of water quantity and quality modeling of the Saginaw Bay looking at impacts from CSOs, animal manure, fertilizers, pesticides, soil erosion.</p> <p>On June 6, 2007, Mr. Tom Maxwell from Hubbell, Roth, and Clark, provided a presentation on success stories related to combined sewer outfalls (CSOs) in the area.</p>	If you would like to be involved in this effort or want information regarding the next speaker presentation contact Charles Bauer, DEQ, at bauerc@michigan.gov , (989-686-8025, Ext. 8261)	Effort currently underway.
	Protection of High Quality Coastal Wetlands	<p>In an effort to preserve high priority wetland habitats, a Technical Work Group has been formed to identify wetlands that are critical to Saginaw Bay and to inform local authorities of the various methods that may be used to preserve these areas.</p> <p>The Technical Work Group will create a map depicting high priority protection and restoration areas. They will also identify various mechanisms local governments and conservation groups may use to protect wetland resources. The map and protection recommendations will be provided to SBCI members by the end of 2007.</p>	If you would like information regarding the results of this effort contact Tracy Collin, DEQ, at collint@michigan.gov (517-241-4506)	Effort currently underway.
	Increasing Access to Saginaw Bay	An informal work group will be formed to look at ways to improve access to the Saginaw Bay. Finding a cost effective means to dredge existing	Laura Ogar, Bay County Environmental Affairs & Community Development, at ogarl@baycounty.net (989-895-4135)	DEQ will be working with communities to

		access points will be a key focal point of this work group.		address this issue.
	Phragmites Control in the Saginaw Bay Coastal Area	<p>A work group has been formed to conduct a <i>Phragmites</i> control and restoration demonstration project in the Saginaw Bay area. The DEQ and many other partners, with a grant from US EPA-GLNPO, is undertaking <i>Phragmites</i> control efforts on public and private lands.</p> <p>In addition, this work group has prepared <u>A Landowners Guide to Phragmites Control</u>. A technical guide is also underdevelopment targeting land or resource managers, herbicide applicators, and other agency personnel.</p>	If you would like information regarding this effort contact Julie Simms, DEQ, at (517-353-2732) or Emily Finnell, DEQ, at (517-241-7927)	Effort currently underway.
Regulatory Improvement	Evaluation of Human Health Risks Associated with the Algae (muck).	<p>On May 2, 2007, in Bay City the Saginaw Bay Science Committee finalized their report and presented their findings. The report can be found at:</p> <p>http://www.deq.state.mi.us/documents/deq-ogl-sbci-SBReport-Final-HumanHealthRisks.pdf</p>	If you would like to receive the results of the evaluation contact Christine Alexander, DEQ, at (517-373-6794) or Jim Bredin, DEQ, at (517-335-4232)	Effort currently underway.
	Evaluate Current Procedures and Processes, and Identification of Opportunities for Improvement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSOs/SSOs • Septic Systems • Animal Feeding Operations 	Bay County, with DEQ, is in the process of reviewing the concerns presented at the SBCI meeting and will be seeking external input to ensure that these issues are adequately addressed.	If you would like to be involved in this effort or want information regarding the meeting contact Charles Bauer, DEQ, at (989-895-4135)	Effort currently underway.
Projects	Kawkawlin River Watershed Initiative	Spearheaded by the Bay County Drain Commissioner and DEQ, a work group has been formed to develop and implement a Kawkawlin River restoration plan. Funding has been provided by DEQ for development of a watershed management plan for the Kawkawlin.	If you would like to be involved in or want information on this project contact Joseph Rivet, Bay County Drain Commissioner at (989-895-4290) or Charles Bauer, DEQ, at (989-686-8025, Ext. 8261)	Effort currently underway.
	Brownfields Redevelopment within the Saginaw	The DEQ will provide assistance to communities to help them achieve their Brownfield Clean up and Redevelopment goals. Staff are available to help	If you have Brownfield questions or would like more information contact Brenda Brouillet, DEQ, at	DEQ staff are currently available to

	Bay Coastal Area	<p>interested communities understand the applicable Brownfield laws and regulations as well as providing information regarding the limited Brownfield Grant and Loan money.</p> <p>DEQ staff have been working with the Arenac County Brownfield Assessment Team. One of the goals of the Arenac County Team is to prioritize contamination sites that have the potential to affect the Saginaw Bay.</p>	<p>brouillb@michigan.gov, (989-686-8025, Ext. 8300) or Rhonda Klann, DEQ, at klannr@michigan.gov (989-686-8025, Ext 8302)</p> <p>For information on Grants and Loans contact Susan Sandell , DEQ, at sandells@michigan.gov (231-775-3960)</p>	provide assistance as requested.
	Cass River Restoration	<p>Local interests are beginning the development of this effort.</p>	<p>If you would like to be involved in this effort or want information regarding the meeting contact Charles Bauer, DEQ, at bauerc@michigan.gov , (989-686-8025, Ext. 8261)</p>	Effort currently underway.